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### Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

An Office Action which, on its face, granted a three (3) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on August 12, 2003, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on November 12, 2003.

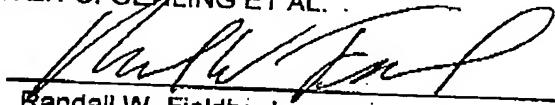
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until February 12, 2004.

Please charge the \$950.00 fee for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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Respectfully submitted,

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